

**MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
AMITE RIVER BASIN DRAINAGE & WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

3535 S. Sherwood Forest Boulevard, Suite 135, Baton Rouge, LA

**July 19, 2016**

MEMBERS PRESENT DURING ROLL CALL: Ben Babin, David Hoover, Lionel Bailey, Willie George Lee, James “Jimmy” Little, Anthony “Tony” Rouchon, Don Thompson, Kenneth “Wade” Welborn

MEMBERS ABSENT: William “Carey” Jenkins, Terry Louque, Jerry Thibeau, Larry Thomas  
Vacant Seat(s) St. Helena Parish

ALSO PRESENT: ARBC Executive Director Dietmar Rietschier, ARBC Executive Secretary Toni Guitrau, ARBC Legal Counsel Larry Bankston

1. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by Babin.
2. Prayer/Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Comments on Agenda Items: Pat Theophilus, Owner/President, of Theophilus Oil, Gas and Land Services, LLC, introduced himself.
4. Hunting Lease(s) Sealed Bid Opening on Tracts 100, 101, 105 and 102 as presented - Currently referred to as Mount Pleasant and Hickory Landing leases. Executive Secretary Guitrau opened 2 sealed bids. Bid reading by Babin. Mount Pleasant - high bidder is Glen Redd at \$10.00/acre; required documents were enclosed. Low bidder: Hickory Landing, LLC- Paul Carroll, bid \$5.00/acre; required documents were enclosed. The Board approved a motion by Hoover, second by Rouchon to authorize Bankston to contact the bidders and property owners as discussed. Bailey voted against the motion. Notice of the Right of First Refusal will be sent to previous property owner(s) to comply with legislation.
5. Minutes  
The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Thompson to approve the June 2016 regular meeting minutes as presented.
6. Financial Statement Report
  - Hoover presented to the Board the June 2016 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Lee, second by Thompson to approve the June 2016 General Fund and CRDC Fund financial statements.
7. Report by Executive Director - Discussed the following items:
  - Will schedule a trip to Lilly Bayou Control Structure for ARBC Commissioners.
  - Discussed surveys, borings, maintenance of property owned by ARBC, utility relocations, and reported that Tract 39 environmental issues were resolved.
  - Amite River Weir: Waiting on Ascension Parish update.
  - DOTD Report: Introduced Susan Douglas. Delmar reported on Tract 39, Beechgrove Farm. They received approval letter from DEQ. DOTD Real Estate Division is moving forward on acquisition, including appraisals.
8. Report by ARBC Legal Counsel:
  - The Amite River Weir is in the coastal zones. Applications are due by September or October to apply for funding through the Restore Act. Rietschier will contact the CPRA to act as the lead agency.
  - Capital Outlay: The CRDC Project is in the Capital Outlay Bill. No additional money will be received until DOTD has no remaining CRDC Project funds. As DOTD gets to the end of its funds, ARBC needs to be notified so that it can demonstrated to the Bond Commission that the State needs to put up money toward the relocation of utilities and the acquisition of properties. Delmar said until DOTD sees construction dollars on any construction features the furthest DOTD will proceed is the engineering aspects in regard to utilities. DOTD will not relocate any utilities until construction is going to happen. Their viewpoint in regard to mitigation and property is if the project should die tomorrow, DOTD has its mechanisms for taking care of it. They will not pay for moving utilities when there is no way to recover the costs.
9. Old Business - None
10. New Business
  - The Board unanimously approved a motion by Hoover, second by Rouchon to add to the agenda the item “Troyland Hunting Lease.” The Board unanimously approved a motion by Hoover, second by Rouchon to authorize Bankston to prepare the hunting lease bid package and public announcement for Troyland.
  - Whitney Bank Resolution: Add signatures of Babin, Thibeau, and Hoover. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Lee to accept the Bank Resolution, as presented.
  - ARBC Cost Share per Third Amended CEA – Parcel 44. \$123,737.50. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Hoover to approve the ARBC cost share in the amount of \$123,737.50 for Parcel 44.
11. The Board unanimously approved a motion by Rouchon, second by Hoover to adjourn the meeting.

APPROVED:

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/s/ Ben Babin

Ben Babin, ARBC President

Date: September 20, 2016

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/s/ Toni B. Guitrau

Toni B. Guitrau, Executive Secretary